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QUICK-ACTION TENSIONING DEVICE FOR CABLE CONTROL SWITCHES

the specification of which is filed herewith.

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